

**MUCH TOBACCO BURNED.**

**Four Floors of Liggett & Meyer's Factory in St. Louis Gotten by Fire.**

St. Louis, March 18.—At 8.35 this morning fire started in the upper floor of the Liggett & Meyer tobacco factory, and, in quick succession, one, two and three floors were consumed, as indicated by a general alarm, which brought nearly every fire engine in the city to the scene. The factory is seven stories in height and occupies the space between 12th, St. Charles and 13th streets. At the time of the fire the lower floors of the factory was filled with about 600 employees, including many women and young girls. The fire broke out in the rear of the building, in the stairways, and these were soon swarming with an excited mass of humanity.

The fire spread rapidly, and the remarkable courage and rendered invaluable assistance to the women in descending the fire escapes, stairways and hastily improvised ladders. Some of the women were overcome by the smoke and fainted, while many others were blinded by the heavy smoke which quickly filled the building. These were picked up by

down the stairs to places of safety. It was at first reported that a number of the employees had been killed, but later it was learned that only two had been injured. The fire was being incinerated in the burning building. Happily this rumor proved untrue and the fire was quickly extinguished, but, with the exception of slight bruises, no one was injured.

Due to the highly inflammable character of the material which it fed upon, the fire spread with great rapidity, and, in less than fifteen minutes, the entire seventh story was a mass of flames. The fire spread rapidly to a brick wall across the alley and threatened to destroy the large tobacco warehouse house adjoining, which contained thousands of tons of tobacco.

Despite the hard work of the fire brigade the flames worked down through the seventh, sixth and fifth floors, and, in less than an hour, and although nearly fifty huge streams of water were being poured into the blazing structure, it seemed for a time that the factory was doomed to destruction. The firemen were retarded in their work by the dense volumes of pungent smoke which was being evolved. The firemen attacked tobacco. After two hours' hard work the

blaze and it is now believed the flames will be confined to the four upper floors. The loss cannot be given as yet, but it is believed it will easily reach £200,000. The fire is said to have started in a sleeping room on the top floor of the building and was probably caused by spontaneous combustion.

FATAL FIRE IN LONDON.

LONDON, March 18.—Four lives were lost last night in a fire at Fulham. A butcher shop, in building also occupied as a dwelling, took fire. The flames spread rapidly, and the inmates, suddenly aroused, were hurried to escape. Two of them, shut in on all sides by the flames, were burned to death by the build-

**SNOW ELEVEN INCHES DEEP,**  
New York Covered With a Thick White Mantle.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The snow which began falling in this city and vicinity about 10 o'clock last night did not cease until about 10 o'clock this morning.

eleven inches on a level. All incoming trains are from two to three hours late, and at the post office it is said that the mails are reported delayed in all quarters. The horse car and general traffic on the streets is much impeded and nearly all cars and teams have been "downed" by the accumulation of snow. The snowstorm is made most uncomfortable, and the streets are down to town streets, where the steam heating pipes rapidly melt the snow and cause slush and mud, much to the discomfit of business men.

On the river and bay in the early morning navigation was fraught with considerable danger, owing to the thickness of the snow storm, but as the day advanced the ice was drifted, a slight run of the wind cleared the bay and the river and the navigation was unimpeded.

Merger reports from the coast report the snow storm as being very severe and the fall of the snow the heaviest of the season. The wind fortunately was moderate, which doubtless prevented many vessels from coming ashore.

NEWARK, N. J., March 10.—At 9 o'clock last night and this morning there is twelve inches of snow on the ground. Horse car traffic is reported as being seriously impeded. At 8 o'clock this morning the mercury registered twenty-eight in this city.

**The Crew Being Slowly Rescued by Means of the Breaches Buoy.**

DEAL BEACH, N. J., March 18.—The British bark Windermere, from Milford Haven for New York, is ashore on Deal Beach. The Windermere is a four-master of about 3,000 tons, bound for New York and Calcutta. She is owned by Fisher & Spratt of London and is in ballast, consigned to Vernon H. Brown & Co., New York.

The crew of No. 5 life-saving station has gone to assist crew No. 6. Two men have already been brought ashore by the life-saving

They do not understand how to handle the breeches, buoy, or rescue would be more easily accomplished. The men saving people, however, are instructing them, and will probably have all ashore in two hours.

SANDY HOOK, N. J., March 18.—The captain and forty-five men have been taken from the Windermere. Crew No. 5 has returned here and reports the Windermere in good condition and safe. About 100 men were taken from the breeches, buoy ashore is Rev. S. Edward Young, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, the father of the bill now pending before Congress for the relief of men in the life-saving service. Mr. Young said he never saw a better exhibition of bravery and skill

**DISSENSIONS IN CHILE.**

**New the Clericals Said to Be Bitterly Opposing the Administration.**

LONDON, March 18.—A dispatch from Santiago, Chile, says that for the first time since the success of the revolution against Balmeaceda there is open hostility between the elements that combined to accomplish the revolution. The clericals have come to the conclusion that President Montt means to keep them in the background and that their potent influence affecting Balmeaceda's overthrow is not

The fact is said to be that a large majority of the Chileans are liberal, and President Montt has concluded to go with the majority, even if he has to face the hostility of the clericals, whose newspaper organs are fiercely assailing the new cabinet.

**MR. HERBERT COMPLIMENTED.**

**Kind Words in Parliament for the Secretary of the English Legation.**

LONDON, March 18.—In the house of commons today the Hon. J. W. Lowther, political secretary of the foreign office, said in regard to

ber secretary of the legation at Washington that Mr. Herbert had shown himself especially qualified for the post, which required the exercise of unusual discretion. When in charge of the legation at a critical period he had performed his duties with entire satisfaction to the government.

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Called to Chicago University.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 18.—It is announced that President Andrews of Brown University has been called to the new Chicago University.